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My Dear Mr. Watson:

I do not believe that the large *Syrus* leaves belong with the flowering species. I have leaves of that species from vigorous shoots and they are very different from the ones on the sheet.

I am aware that our shrubs offer a fine field for investigation, and I have been at them for over a year. Have

a very large collection. Many varieties  
of various species are cultivated and  
some 40 or 50 of them I am growing.  
I shall soon visit one of the largest col-  
lections in existence, in Maryland. I  
shall publish upon them this fall.

Near the road between the greenhouse  
and the gardener's cottage, in your gardens,  
is a small bush labelled *Prunus Texana*. I  
should like very much to have a dried speci-  
men from it and to know anything  
about its history.

Yours truly,

H. Bailey